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SUBJECT: TRIPARTITE MEETING OF PRESIDENTS OF BURUNDI, RWANDA, ZAIRE:

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

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1. PRESIDENTS OF RWANDA, BURUNDI AND ZAIRE HELD TRIPARTITE MEETING IN KISANGANI 29-29 JANUARY, AS FOLLOW-UP TO MEETING AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL HELD IN KIGALI SOME WEEKS EARLIER. RESULT OF TRIPARTITE MEETING WAS JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH NOTED THAT THREE CHIEFS OF STATE HAD DISCUSSED QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST, AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR ON ANGOLAN PROBLEM. CHIEFS OF STATE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROBLEM WOULD FIND AFRICAN SOLUTION AND AFFIRMED, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR DIVERGENT POSITIONS, THEIR DETERMINATION TO REINFORCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES. IN AN EFFORT TO HARMONIZE INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, HEADS OF STATE AGREED TO CONSULT IN ADVANCE AND DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT MECHANISM AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

2. COMMUNIQUE FURTHER NOTED THAT PRESIDENT OF ZAIRE HAD INFORMED HIS

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BURUNDI AND RWANDAN COUNTERPARTS OF ATTACK ON DILLOLO AND STEPS TAKEN

BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO INFORM UN SECRETARY GENERAL, SECURITY COUNCIL, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN OF OAU AND OAU SECRETARY GENERAL. COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH AFFIRMATION OF SOLIDARITY AND PROMISE OF MUTUAL SUPPORT IN CASE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ONE OF THEM. HEADS OF STATE ALSO AGREED TO PUT ON AGENDA FOR NEXT TRIPARTITE SUMMIT QUESTIONS OF CREATION OF ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF GREAT LAKE COUNTRIES AND OF TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND OF COOPERATION.

3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO REPORTED BOKASSA STATEMENT MADE IN KISANGANI TO EFFECT AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE SHOULD CRISS-CROSS AFRICA TO FIND SOLUTION TO BRING ABOUT PEACE IN ANGOLA. HE ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS CONSIDERED AFRICAN COUNTRIES AS GUINEA PIGS TO EXPERIMENT WITH THEIR ARMS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE IS BUT ONE OF SERIES OF HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS MOBUTU HAS BEEN HAVING ON ANGOLA SINCE OAU SUMMIT. MEETING IS PART OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN 3 PRESIDENTS. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS OBVIOUS MOBUTU CHOSE TO USE OCCASION AS MEANS TO PRESS HOME POINT OF DIOLO ATTACK, SOVIET AIMS ON CONTINENT AND THREAT THESE POSE TO SECURITY OF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, NOTABLY BURUNDI AND RWANDA -- HENCE REFERENCE TO MUTUAL SUPPORT AGAINST ANY ATTACK. MOBUTU ALSO CLEARLY SOUGHT TO PREVENT FURTHER MOVES TO BREAK RANKS ON ISSUE OF MPLA RECOGNITION (E.G., RWANDA); THUS THE NEED FOR ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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